

# Media Questions Of The Week

Why was the Quincy Jones tribute at the Oscars relegated to Queen Latifah singing “Ease on Down the Road” by Charlie Smalls from *The Wiz* from the soundtrack that Jones produced?

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## Slum Village, Jack White, Eminem, Diana Ross, Big Sean & More To Perform At Michigan Central Station Reopening Concert This Thursday, June 6th



Slum Village is scheduled to perform at the [Michigan Central Station](#) concert in Detroit on Thursday, June 6, 2024. The event is a celebration concert for re-opening the train station that had been dormant since 1988. The Ford Motor Company purchased the abandoned structure that was completed in 2013 and started servicing rail passengers in 1914, in 2018, and spent millions of dollars restoring it. The same architects that designed it were responsible for New York City’s Grand Central Terminal which looks almost identical. Since its closing in 1988, it became a symbol of Detroit’s past industrial glory and a place of marvel for those fascinated with Detroit’s architecture. William Ford, chairman of Ford and great-grandson of founder Henry Ford told the [New York Times](#) that the decision to purchase the station was

because,

*“Our industry is about to change radically, and that change ought to be invented here,” Mr. Ford said. “It clicked for me that was the perfect purpose for Michigan Central Station. We want Detroit to once again be a destination where the future is invented, and preserve its title as the Motor City for generations to come.”*

[Big Sean](#) who performed at the the first celebration for the station in 2018 is on the lineup for Thursday night which includes Jack White, Diana Ross, The Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Illa Ja, Melissa Etheridge, Common, Theo Parrish, Fantasia, Jelly Roll, Sky Jett, Kierra Sheard and more. Eminem and his manager Paul Rosenberg are the executive producers of the event. The rapper also filmed his video for “Beautiful” at the location in 2009. Those interested can watch the outdoor stream exclusively on Peacock. Locals can watch via Local 4 on television on the Local 4+ app or at [ClickOnDetroit.com](#) and [app](#). Slum Village just released their 10th studio album [F.U.N.](#)

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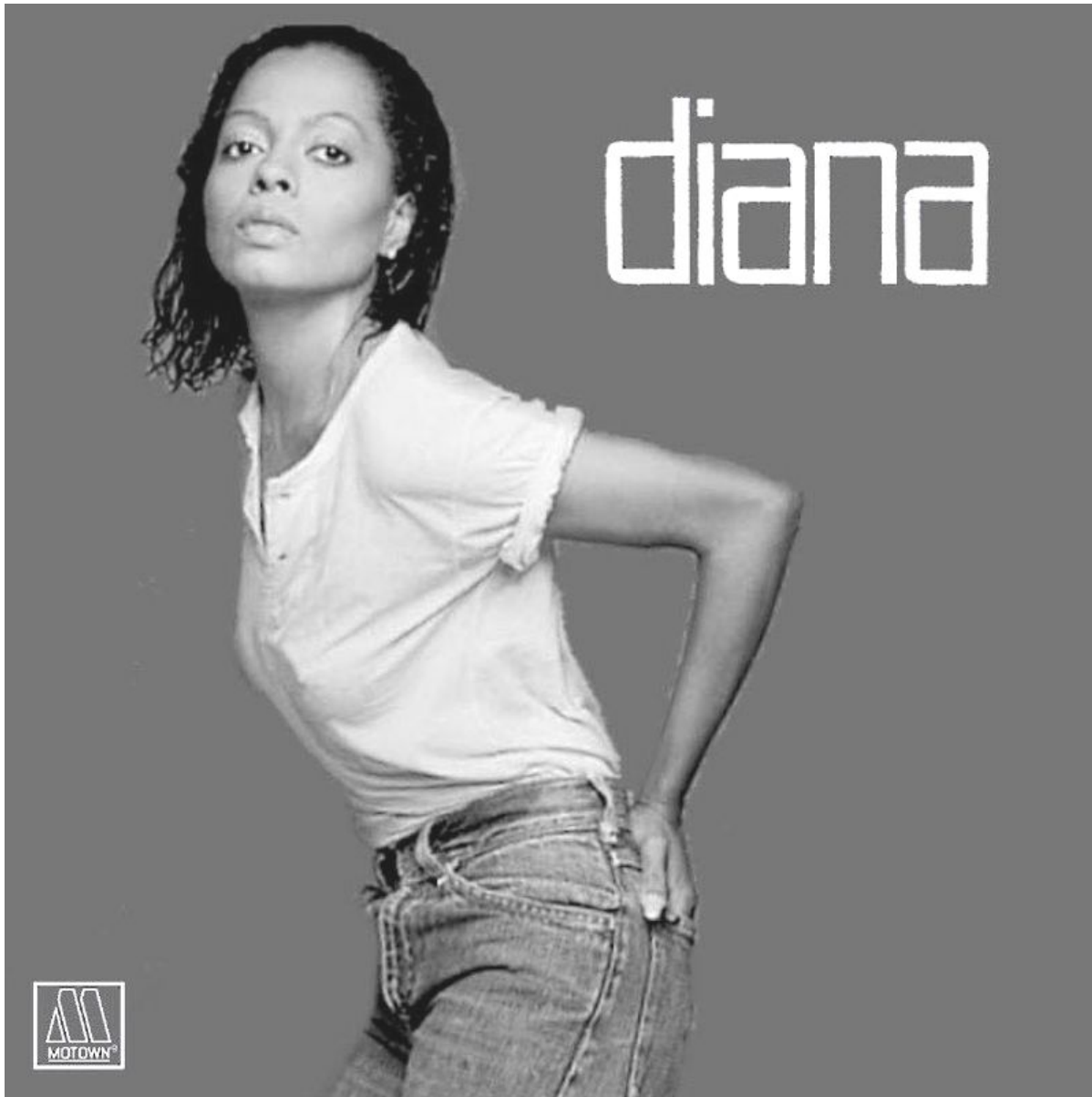
## Throwback: Diana Ross-Upside Down

Diana Ross’s 11th studio album was simply titled *Diana* and it would make the biggest impact of her solo career. Nile Rodgers and Bernard Edwards exclusively produced the album and gave it classic danceable grooves that crushed the disco backlash. Their work as the group Chic was one of the best things about music in the ’70s and no one could forget “Le Freak” and “Good Times.” Influential DJ Frankie Crocker had warned Ross about

the album failing because of the attitudes towards disco at the end of the decade and she had it remixed by Russ Terrana. The original energy of the album was still present despite the changes that included speeding up the songs and removing lengthy instrumental segments.

“Upside Down” was the first single from *Diana* and it went to number one on the Billboard 100, Soul and Disco charts. Radio, rollerskating rinks, club DJs and house parties made “Upside Down” one of the biggest songs of Ross’s career. She had attended the famed Studio 54 club in New York City and saw how Rodgers and Edward’s music lit up the dancefloor and she reached out to them for her album. The idea for “Upside Down” came from her literal words to them to turn her career “Upside Down” so she could have fun again. The success of *Diana* made it the highest seller of Ross’s career and MC Lyte, Xscape and Tom Jones are a few artists who have sampled “Upside Down.” *Diana* was remastered in 2003 and released as a double CD with the original mixes from Rodgers and Edwards as well as the Motown version.

In 2021 Diana Ross’s 25th studio album *Thank You* was released through Decca Records.



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Will Netflix respond to Dionne Warwick and create a series about her life with Teyana Taylor starring as her?Â

What would [\*The Bodyguard\*](#) have been like if it was made with Diana Ross as originally planned in 1979 before Whitney Houston took the role of Rachel Marron in 1992?

Will Viola Davis and Chadwick Boseman receive Academy Award nominations for their lead roles in Netflix's *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*?